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SLOW PROGRESS OF HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is far behind in terms of highway development according to the World Bank study;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount spent on highways by India in comparison to China and the rate of progress therein?

Answer

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(a) & (b) No such study report has been received from the World Bank. However, it may be mentioned that India has total road network of about 3.3 million km which is one of the largest road network in the world.

(c) As per available information, the annual investment for road development in China rose from US $ 1 billion in 1991 to US $ 38 billion in 2002 whereas the annual investment for development of roads in India rose from US $ 0.7 billion to US $ 4.22 billion in the same period.